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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 07/07/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant had elected invention IA and species A. However, applicant fails to elect one species from group B as required in the election. Also, applicant fails to identify the claims readable on the elected species.

Group B

- B1. The embodiment of estimating a change of a road surface condition, in response to a variation in period of a time change of the measured rotation angular acceleration that increases to or over a predetermined reference value at or over a predetermined rate.
- B2. The embodiment of estimating a change of a road surface condition, in response to a variation of an absolute value of an opposite second peak value detected immediately after a first peak value relative to an absolute value of the first peak value detected after an increase of the measured rotation angular acceleration to or over a predetermined reference value by or over a predetermined rate.
- B3. The embodiment of estimating a change of a road surface condition, when an absolute value of a second peak value of the measured rotation angular acceleration detected after an increase to or over a predetermined reference value is not less than a preset level.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice,

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